Ban on Sale of Single Digit Lottery System

52. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received for country-wide ban on sale of single digit lottery system; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Fire-Safety Licensing in Delhi Cinemas

53. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the fire accident in a New Delhi Cinema house "Uphaar" on June 13, 1997, in which at least 59 persons including women and children were killed, a survey of all the the Cinema houses and multi-storeyed market complexes, hotels and guest houses, was conducted, to see how for they fulfilled fire-safety norms;

(b) if so, whether most of Delhi Cinemas were found to be lacking fire-safety and if so, the details of the findings; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to ensure that all such buildings and market places observe the fire-safety norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Following the fire incident in Uphaar Cinema on 13.6.97, a survey of Cinema halls and banquet halls in the National Capital Territory was conducted by a team of officers headed by respective SDMs. Another survey of 13 Cinema halls and 9 hotels which were due for renewal of permit was got conducted through Chief Fire Officer from fire safety point of view by the Delhi Police.

(b) and (c) Some of the Cinema Halls were found to be deficient in fire safety norms. Delhi Police have suspended the permit of 2 such Cinema Halls and revoked permits of 2 others. The licence of one Guest House was cancelled and show cause notices were issued to 8 other Hotels/Guest Houses. Notices have also been issued in cases where deficiencies in respect of fire safety norms have been noticed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi, NDMC, Delhi Vidyut Board, Delhi Fire Service and Delhi Police for expeditious rectification.

Facilities to Freedom Fighters

54. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have since decided to enhance existing pension/facilities and to introduce newer ones to freedom fighters on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of Indian Independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MABOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Naga Militants Receiving Money from Nagaland State Lotteries Sale

55. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMCHANDRA REDDY: Will the